

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 666–692; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48–50, H. Con. Res. 18–19, and H. Res. 48–50 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 46, providing for consideration of H.R. 581, to amend Public Law 104–208 to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population planning and other population assistance available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions (H. Rept. 105–3); and

H. Res. 47, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 105–4).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Gallaudet University: The Speaker announced his appointment of Representative LaHood as a member of the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University.

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Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: The Speaker announced his appointment of Representatives Emerson and Skelton as members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

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Messages from the President: Read the following messages from the President:

Budget Rescissions and Deferrals: Message wherein he transmits his report on proposed rescissions of budgetary resources and a revised deferral—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–44); and

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Canadian Whaling Activities: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning Canadian whaling activities—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–45).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H453.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Health Care Financing Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donna E. Shalala, Secretary; Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and Clifton R. Gaus, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the CBO, the U.S. Capitol Police, the Office of Compliance, the Joint Committee on Printing, the GPO, and the GAO. Testimony was heard from Senator Warner; June E. O'Neill, Director, CBO; Gregory S. Casey, Sergeant At Arms, U.S. Senate; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Gary L. Abrecht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; the following officials of the Office of Compliance: Virginia Seitz, member of the Board; R. Gaull Silberman, Executive Director; and Dennis Duffy, General Counsel; the following officials of the GPO: Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer; Wayne P. Kelley, Superintendent of Documents; William M. Guy, Budget Officer; and Charles C. Cook, Superintendent, Congressional Printing Management Division; and James F. Hinchman, Acting Comptroller General, GAO.

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Financial Services Modernization legislation including H.R. 268, Depository Institution Affiliation and Thrift Charter Conversion Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 13.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998. Testimony was heard from Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—PROPOSED BUDGET

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Charles B. Curtis, Acting Secretary; Kyle Simpson, Assistant Deputy Secretary; and Alvin L. Alm, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

ARMORED CAR RECIPROCITY AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action H.R. 624, Armored Car Reciprocity Amendments of 1997.

Prior to this action, the subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORM—MAJOR FEDERAL JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Reform of the Major Federal Job Training Programs. Testimony was heard from John Engler, Governor, State of Michigan; and David Steele, Senator, State of Utah; William A. Johnson, Jr., Mayor, Rochester, New York; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; OVERSIGHT PLAN; AND COMMITTEE BUDGET

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported H. Con. Res. 11, permitting the use of the rotunda of

the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The Committee also approved the following for the 105th Congress: oversight plan; and committee budget.

ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on International Affairs: Held a hearing on the Administration's International Affairs Budget request for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee approved an oversight plan for the 105th Congress.

OVERSIGHT—ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND IMMIGRANT RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing regarding Title III of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Paul W. Virtue, Acting Executive Associate Commissioner, Programs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

PERSIAN GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the status of the investigation into Persian Gulf War illnesses. Testimony was heard from Elaine Larsen, member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Bernard Rostker, Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs and Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses; and Stephen Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs.

TERM LIMITS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; OVERSIGHT PLAN; COMMITTEE BUDGET

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The rule makes in order only those amendments in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order

specified in the report, may be offered only by the member specified, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.

The rule provides that if more than one amendment is adopted, then only the one receiving the most affirmative votes is considered as adopted; in the case of a tie, the last such amendment is adopted. The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment, and reduce to five minutes the voting time on the second and subsequent votes in a series. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde, Representatives McCollum, Inglis, Hutchinson, Petri, Hefley, Fowler, Christensen, Graham, Sanford, Blunt, Gibbons, Frank of Massachusetts, Scott, Jackson-Lee of Texas, and Dingell.

Prior to this action, the Committee approved the following for the 105th Congress: oversight plan; and the committee budget.

FAMILY PLANNING FACILITATION AND ABORTION FUNDING RESTRICTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 581, Family Planning Facilitation and Abortion Funding Restriction Act of 1997, equally divided and controlled by Representative Smith of New Jersey or his designee and a Member opposed to the bill. The rule also provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Oberstar, Pelosi, and Lowey.

BRIEFING—SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a briefing on Secure Communications. The Subcommittee was briefed by public witnesses.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS—PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing to review the findings and recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses. Testimony was heard from Maj. Marguerite Knox, committee member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Philip K. Russell, M.D., member, Committee to Review

the Health Consequences of Service During the Persian Gulf War, Institute of Medicine; Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans' Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stephen Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Bernard Rostker, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Gulf War Illnesses; Richard Jackson, M.D., Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

VFW PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, after receiving testimony from James Nier, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 2:45 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on issues relating to public investment, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the ozone and particulate matter standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the Administration's budget and revenue proposals for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the financial crisis in the Medicare system, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on the future of nuclear deterrence, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act (TEAM), 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing biennial expenditures by standing, select, and special committees of the Senate, and to consider other pending legislative and administrative business, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on the nomination of Aida Alvarez, of New York, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General Overview, 12:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 10 a.m. 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Office of the Inspector General, 10 a.m., and on the Health Resources and Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Economic Committee and the Library of Congress, 9:30 a.m., on the Architect of the Capitol/Botanic Garden; Members of Congress; and public witnesses, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, oversight hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services' proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, on Spectrum Management Policy, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Defusing the Retirement Timebomb: Encouraging Pension Savings, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on the "Government Performance and Results Act: Sensible Government for the Next Century," 10 a.m., and to hold an organizational meeting, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on the Future of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the FBI investigation into the Khobar Towers bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and on Foreign FBI Investigations, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on the fiscal year 1998 national defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on the Status of Russian Participation in the International Space Program, 1 p.m. 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on ISTEA Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals: ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act (STEP 21) Transportation Empowerment Act (Devolution) ISTEA Works, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Budget, 9:30 a.m., to mark up the Airport and Airway Trust Fund Tax Reinstatement Act of 1997; and to consider an oversight plan for the 105th Congress, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.